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#### A SERIOUS MATTER.

The reported deathbed confession of a woman alleged to be the wife of Robinson, who was acquitted of the charge of murder at Ravenna, that he was a participant in that crime, will generally be taken as corroborative of the wide belief that he escaped his deserts. The new light on the subject is very far from unimpeachable evidence but in its agreement with the other grounds of suspicion against Robinson is somewhat significant of the fact that at present it is more difficult to punish notorious and des-

perate criminals than it is to get them off. The revelation, such as it is, is too late to have any bearing on the punishment of the Bavenna desperadoes; but so far as it is worth anything, there is some importance in the statement that the alibi by which Robinson was released was prepared in Pittsburg, and that persons occupying respeciable positions in this city were engaged in getting it up. We do not know who the persons referred to are, nor whether they are still in the city; but the assertion that they were engaged in suborning evidence for the benefit of a professional criminal certainly calls upon them to come forward and clear themselves. If that is not done, the officers of the law should take it in hand to see whether there is no evidence which will send perjurers and suborners to

the penitentiary. It is not certain that this reported confession is reliable: but its appearance calls for the inculcation of the fact that those who escape from punishment of a professional that. thief and murderer, are a grade lower and thieves and murderers themselves

### THE RIVER SHUT-DOWN.

The closing down of some of the river mines, as announced in our local columns, brings the realization of a step which has long been predicted in that interest. The forming their employes that the mines can- ance.

# NOT UNUSUAL LOGIC

It is interesting to observe the class of logic to which a great many people are prone, as illustrated by the comments on Chief Justice Fuller's mustache and his daughter's elopement. The argument is evidently to the effect-though it may not be put in so many words-that he is the first Chief Justice who ever wore a mustache: and he is also the first Chief Justice whose daughter ran away to be married. Argal, the mustache caused the elopement. To this effect does the wind of criticism blow through the Chief Justice's hersute adorn-

This is readily recognized as utter nonsense; but it is no more so than a great deal of that sort of logic with which the public is drenched. From the day when the old Yorkshireman testified that the wrecks on the Goodwin Sands were caused by Tenterden Church steeple, that class of logic has been used in a great many more important affairs. Since the Standard Oil Company secured a monopoly of the petroleum refining business, an immense overproduction of crude oil, which the Standard did not produce. has brought down prices of petroleum, and the paid advocates of monopoly have sounded high the claim that the Standard has reduced the cost of petroleum to consumers. The railroad pools have been fighting for 12 years to keep rates up; but the natural laws of trade have been too strong for them, and their representatives are now claiming for the pools the very reduction in rates which they sought to prevent. A depression in the iron trade makes mill owners talk of a reduction in wages and the Democratic organs join in charging it to a Republican administration-which we shall bear in mind is to a certain extent only a retaliation for similar logic on the part of Republican organs.

All this is logic of the mustache and Tenterden steeple class. Some day, the world will progress to a stage when people who indulge in sham reasoning of that sort will be knocked out of court, but that will not be while the foolkiller neglects his duties in the present scandalous way.

phia Press the following, with regard to an sugar-beet raising for the manufacture of alleged practice that is somewhat new 'n sugars. In California, where the experi- of honor. corporation circles:

If the Pennsylvania Railroad had bought corn and brought it to the seaside at a loss so failure in the manufacture of that sugar, as to keep its cars moving, as it is reported the Baltimore and Ohio did, this port would have had more outgoing cargoes of grain in the past two months and the railroad company serving Philadelphia would have passed as many dividends as the one running to Baltimore.

a transportation corporation buying of course, on whether sugar can be produced staple products in order to secure from beets grown in this country of as good From the New York Worlds their transportation is antagonized on quality and as cheaply as cane sugar raised

company. That is a legitimate considera- the effect of a high duty, taken advantage of tion, of course; but it sinks to really minor by a combination, to raise the price for the importance beside its dangerous and illicit | benefit of a clique, is demonstrated. The obligations of the railways.

transportation, they can very easily make it impossible for private enterprise to engage the combination was formed to escape. in the purchase of these staples by rail shipthe world for a railway to put up its rates from the section it controls; and when a few be able to name just such prices as they choose, both to the producers from whom they buy and the consumers to whom they sell. Means similar to that are alleged to the allegation is true, constitute its crimi- should be allowed to settle on claims in adnality.

We do not believe that such a practice is trayal has taken place, it would certainly be a violation of the interState Commerc law, which forbids discrimination and excessive charges "by any device whatsoever." Of course, the pursuit of such a practice by the railroads would soon lead to a confiscation of private property by the corporations; and in time it would inevitably produce a confiscation of corporate property by the people in retaliation.

#### ASHES ARE SILENT.

There are many letters which are best burned as soon as received. Letters lingermany little witnesses ready to talk about posed to the measure. The probability your private affairs. But men will keep that it represents the proportion of those

them, nevertheless. Who has had better reason to know the also an important indication. folly of preserving correspondence than Mr. James G. Blaine? The saturnine fate which has preserved his correspondence record shows that long ago Mr. Blaine was the sort specified by the title, Mr. Fawcett fully convinced of the theory of burning letters; but the theory somehow failed to be put into practice then. Notwithstanding the lessons of experience, the same failure publication, in a way more amusing to the public than pleasant to Mr. Blaine.

The tale told by the letter from President Harrison to Mr. Blaine, which was published yesterday, is not very compromising. It simply discloses that General Harrison declined, with thanks, Mr. Blaine's kind offer to come out and help construct the Cabinet.

The most prejudiced anti-Blaineac will be

Still, we can hardly suppose that Mr. a degree more obnoxious to society than the | Blaine is delighted to have it published. Some triend of his, some master of concise and epigrammatic diction, Senator Quay, There is nothing especially new in this 100 per cent. on their business. But while salt for instance, should write to him: "Burn all letters !"

### FAME BY THE FOOT.

combination for that purpose is a prima ame Modjeska were to act together next facie indication that it is done solely be- senson, under the management of Lawrence cause there is no money in continuing oper- Barrett. The negotiations have now come ations. But the avowal of an intention to to a satisfactory conclusion, the only obreduce wages-which was probably the real | stacle having been removed, and the great purpose of the combined shut-down in the stars will enjoy a common orbit for some early part of the winter-gives the step a two hundred nights and afternoons next rather unsatisfactory aspect. Accepting the season. This is good news, but it is equalevidence of unprofitable markets, we can ly interesting to note what caused the delay still imagine a more conciliatory way of in- in the consummation of this desirable alli-

not be operated any longer, except at a re- It seems that Madame Modjeska and Mr. duction of wages. We have always op- Booth have long been accustomed to overposed strikes until all conciliatory measures shadow the rest of the company in which have failed; and we see no reason why the they have appeared, especially in a typorule should not apply to a strike by the graphical sense. Their names have been operators as well as to a strike by the printed in displayed type above their fellows on bills and programmes. When the the type was discussed early in the day, for Mr. Booth and Madame Modjeska both seemed to fear that the other would want to have his or her name printed in larger letters than the other. The agreement now is that both names shall be displayed in the same

> manner. It is to be hoped that the public will be careful not to wound the sensibilities of these great artists. Applause will have to be nicely divided between them; one must not be called before the curtain without the other, and if any enthusiast shall send a bouquet to Madame Modjeska he will do well to convey to Mr. Booth a sum of money equal to the value of the flowers. Probably the advance agent will be required to give bonds that he will lie equally on behalf of his employers. Manager Lawrence Barrett, literally, may thank his stars if he comes out of the campaign alive and sane.

# MR. PULLMAN'S PLANS.

A reporter of THE DISPATCH a night or two ago discovered George M. Pullman, to fell in the classic curves of Greek drapery. whom the incense of gratitude will seeend from thousands of railway travelers yet | waves, while on either side the stray locks were unborn, examining what seemed to be a plan for an unroofed sleeping car. Per-bans this is some pleasant surprise in the haps this is some pleasant surprise in the shape of a summer dormitory on wheels neck, showing the shapely head to advantage. which Mr. Pullman is preparing for the relief of sufferers from the heat, kerosene lamp' odors and warm porters in sleeping cars of the ordinary build.

If Mr Pullman is applying his inventive If Mr Pullman is applying his inventive much self-control as Lord R. Churchill. I saw mind to this profitable and pleasant purthern both play at Monte Carlo. In each case pose, the public will soon have new cause to rejoice. The contrast between the railroad cars of but a decade ago and the latest pattern of vestibule Pullman coaches of to-day is sufficiently striking, but there is Randolph. He never moved a muscle—though no reason to believe that this generation now and then one could see from the diminishwill not see as great improvements in the conveniences of travel in the future. This is the age when such men as George M. State he found just above his desk the por-Pullman and George Westinghouse, Jr., traits of Abraham Lincoln, Daniel Webster and are showing the world what can be done by the combination of many wise heads in the

# fields of invention and creation.

ment has been tried on a large scale, it is demonstrated that so far from there being a there has been a decided success. The crop now under contract is stated to be over 20 .-000 tons, and its success there will undoubtedly stimulate its growth all over the country.

In this paragraph the practice of The permanence of this industry depends. account of its effect on the profits of the here or brought from Cuba. But beyond that, with a walt of sorrow.

character viewed in the light of the public | Sugar Trust has seemed to be an exception to the general rule, that all artificial meth-We understand that the action of the ods to enhance prices will only call new Baltimore and Ohio road as alleged is de- competition into the field. But that apnied; but the allegation warrants the con- pearance was only transient. The Sugar sideration of the public effect of such Trust has already called large refining a practice. It is plain that if the railroads establishments into existence, and the can buy corn, wheat, pork, live stock or any growth of the beet sugar interest promises other staple for the sake of securing its to eventually make the competition to the Sugar Trust even stronger than that which

Such results show that the laws of trade ment. It would be the simplest matter in will, in time, work out their revenge on the schemes to stifle and obstruct their action so as to make private shipment impossible but they do not at all obviate the necessity of legislation to prevent combinations which great corporate buyers should control the be-devil trade, and burden the people until markets at both ends of the line, they would new competing forces are brought into play

An army lieutenant who is in charge of driving the Oklahoma boomers out of that territory writes that they are honest, rehave built up the anthracite monopoly and, if spectable settlers, and therefore thinks they vance of the legal opening of the lands for settlement. There might be some force to within the charter powers of any railroad. | this idea, if the settlers had not taken the If any railroad has been granted the right attitude of defving the law. Not even to engage in the purchase and sale of com- honest and respectable settlers can be almodities, it involved a legislative betrayal lowed to defy the law. What is equally to of the rights of the people. If such a be- the point, neither can cattle companies, whether they are respectable or otherwise.

WHEN the enterprising burglar is not burgling in Pittsburg, the theory of ample police protection looks very plausible. But people whose houses are entered and safes blown open without any arrests, may begin to lose faith in it.

THE official capvass of the New Hampshire vote on prohibition shows that but 50,000 votes were cast against 91,000 at the November election. It will be an interesing question for Pennsylvania whether the ing in pockets, desks and drawers are so \$1,000 stay-at-homes were in favor of or opwho don't care enough about it to vote, is

ONE of the late publications is "The Autobiography of a Snob" by Edgar Fawfrom the flanes is matter of history. The cett. No one will dispute that, for a work of possesses especial and marked fitness.

THE text which the New York Mail and Express had at its head last Thursday was permits inconvenient letters to drift into as follows: "Blessed are those servants whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching." There can be no doubt that Brother Shepard took care to be in the frame of mind recommended by the text. But all the watching did not prevent the coveted missions from hitting the other

MEXICO is indulging in measures adverse to the importation of American lard. This is hard put to it to extract from the President's likely to arouse the hostility of the outtonwill cook up false testimony to secure the words any meaning more damnatory than raising States and provoke a new demand for a second conquest of Mexico.

A WESTERN cotemporary has discovered that General Sherman is losing his mind. however. General Sherman was widely reported to be crazy during the first year of the war; but It was subsequently demonsome people's complete sanity.

THE statement that Mme, Fursch-Madi kissed her lawyer, who won a \$10,000 suit monse value in association with food, though for her last week, warrants the American there are a few here and there ready to support the same strength of t kissed her lawyer, who won a \$10,000 suit bar in firmly stating that they are not taking their fees in that form.

THE fact that when that big Munkacsky picture for which John Wanamaker was reported to have paid \$100,000 was shipped to the Paris Exposition it was insured for but \$40,000, gives a tolerably clear view of the amount of water in the advertised piece. But 40 per cent of actual cash is rather above the average nowadays.

RUSSIAN activities along the Danube are beginning to hold out the prospect of lively joint tour was proposed this question of times in the Balkans before the summer is over.

AND now the story that Mr. Wanamaker is breaking up Quay's slate by selecting a member of the Committee of One Hundred for Postmaster of Philadelphia, is making the professional politician ponder on the question whether civilization is not a milure after all.

# PERSONAL FACTS AND PANCIES.

CARDINAL NEWMAN, now in his 89th year was entered in 1818 as a student of Lincoln's Inn, and actually intended to become a bar-

DR. STOECKLER, the court pastor at Berlin. has no faith in Count Herbert Bismarck, who has, he says, "never shown that he is a man of his father's eminence." THE Emperor of Austria intends to visit England this year in such strict incognite that on one but himself and his attendants will know anything about it till he is at home

AT her reception at the Arno, Washinton on Friday, Amelie Rives-Chanler wore a liter She were her baugs in a mass of fluffy golde knot of hair loosely coiled at the nape of the Whatever they may think about her literary merits her callers agreed that she is beautiful "IT is a pity," writes a correspondent of the London Star who has just returned from Monte Carlo, "that the Prince of Wales has not as the stakes were high. When the Prince of Wales won one could see it by the look of un restrained delight on his face, while the som breness of its expression equally told when he

WHEN Mr. Bayard became Secretary of U. S. Grant. The combination did not please him and he banished Webster to an ante and hung a picture of Mr. Cleveland in the vacant place. When Mr. Blaine came to the desk two weeks ago he looked at the picture AN UNWARRANTABLE PRACTICE.

We find in the columns of the Philadel
There appears to be a rod in pickle for the Sugar Trust in the rapid growth of the Sugar Trust in the rapid growth of sugar-beet raising for the manufacture of the sugar trust in the rapid growth of face of Cleveland had disappeared and Webster's strong countenance again held the place

### Harper's New Editress NEW YORK, March 25 .- Mrs. Margaret F sangster has accepted the offer of Harper & Brothers to become editor of Harper's Bazar. Mrs. Sangster has been for several years the successful postmistress of Harper's Foung People, and has been associated in other ways with Harper's publications. She is also a writer of graceful verse and is well known as a writer for the religious press.

The Heart Bowed Down The impatient office-seeker is bowed down

THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH, TUESDAY, MARCH 26.

THE TOPICAL TALKER.

The Value of a License and a Few Light Jottings of the Day. year when the License Court was session a certain saloon keeper of this city applied to a lawyer who, rightly or wrongly, was posed to have a better chance of getting a at a license than most members of the bar. This saloon keeper had foreseen the conse-quences of the Brooks law, and told the attorney he selected to press his petition that he was willing to pay a good round sum for a li-

"What do you call a good round sum?" asked the attorney.
"How would \$500 strike you?" replied the saloon keeper, and the attorney acknowledged that such a figure would be agreeable to him. The license was granted; though I'm under the impression that the attorney who made the application had precious little to do with getting the license. The \$500 fee was paid into getting the license. The \$500 fee was paid into his hands, all the same.

This year the same saloonkeeper is seeking a license. He chose the same attorney to put the application into the tender care of Judge

"I have made considerably over \$10,000 in the year," said the saloonkeeper to the attorney.
"What will you give me for a license this year?" asked the counsel. "I can afford. \$1,000," replied the liquor

FROM this it would appear-and lawyers know there are other things in connection with license granting that smell of money—that the Brooks law is benefiting some people amaz-

DR. W. H. MONK, the English musician who died a few weeks ago, was the author of a great deal of exquisite church music, the compiler of the best collection of hymns—"Hymns Ancient and Modern"—in the world, a great organist and and admirable choirmaster, and yet I re-member him and his works not half so well as I recall his dyed hair and beard. He had a most ridiculous fashion of dyeing his gray hair with some inferior prepartion which left his locks a charming mixture of purple and green about 48 hours after the application.

Some baseball manager in the League, I see, has stated that he intends to make his men chew gum to assuage their thirst, so as to prevent them drinking water which is liable to damage their systems, or beer, which is liable to make their ball-playing a farce. Gum for baseball players sounds absurd enough, but what do you think of a pug dog that has the fashionable feminine predilection for chewing

Such a dog resides at the suburban house of somewhat asthmatic pug, who answers, when he knows you, to the name of Toby. His appetite for gum is violent. When given a fair chunk of the durable substance he will retire into a corner and chew by the hour together, If while he is chewing some exciting diversion occurs, such as the trespassing of an unseemly toreign cat, Toby will quietly lay by his chewing gum, with the deft precision of a Vassar girl, in some nook or corner, and return to it, maybe, after many days to resume the chew

### UNIVERSAL USE OF SALT.

The Enormous Quantities Annually Cansumed in Arts and Manufactures. The great importance of salt has recently been brought to the notice of the public, says

the Newcastle, Eng., Chronicle, by attempts on the part of its producers to form a combination for regulating the price at which it should be sold. The great Salt Union last year bought up several salt works, and consumers of this valuable product at once anticipated an immediate increase in its value. Competition had brought down the sale price to 2s. 3d. per ton, while it really cost 4s, 6d, per ton to produce. could be purchased for this ridiculously low floure, the price for domestic use was kept up to £4 13s, 4d, a ton-the middleman taking all trated that a little of Old Tecumseh's luna-of the formation of the union salt for industrial It has been reported and again denied cy was worth more than a good deal of purposes has risen to a point which returns a fair profit, no advance has been, or is likely

be, made in its price for domestic uses, Everyone is familiar with this substance, and almost everyone is ready to appreciate its imhave any idea of the extent to which it enters into various chemical and other products, or of the enormous quantities annually consumed in arts and manufactures. It is the source of all chlorine with which our calleoes and linens are bleached; the paper we write on owes its whiteness to its agency; the glass we drink from and the spectacles we use to aid our eyesight are partly composed of what was once salt. Our boots owe their impermeability of wet to the tan in which salt is a considerable ingredient; the soap we wash with is simply transformed salt; and half of our medicines owe their origin,

salt: and half of our medicines owe their origin, either by their composition or the mode of their preparation, to salt.

The table at breakfast or dinner contains more evidence of its utility and value than the small quantity visible in the salt cellars. The earthenware is glazed by it, the silver spoons and forks were extracted from the ore by its agency; it is present in the milk, the butter, the cheese, and bread, and often in summer time the ice we find so refreshing is produced largely by means of salt. Some idea of the extent to which salt is employed for industrial purposes may be gathered from the above, but there are numerous other articles in the manufacture of which it plays an important part in addition to those stated. The consumption per head of population in different countries varies largely according to the facility for obtaining it. In the United States, where it is extremely plentiful, the average consumption is 50 lbs. prepage 30 lbs. prepage 30 lbs. it. In the United States, where it is extremely plentiful, the average consumption is 50 lbs. per head; in England, 40 lbs.; France, 30 lbs.; Italy, 20 lbs.; Bussia, 18 lbs.; Belgium, 16% lbs.; Austria, 16 lbs.; Prussia, 14 lbs.; Madras and Bengal ench 13 lbs.; Spain, 12½ lbs.; Bombay and very generally in India, 10½ lbs., and Switzzerland, 8½ lbs. The size of the grain in different varieties depends upon the temperature at which the brine is kept during evaporation. The higher the temperature, the larger is the crystal. Fine grained salts, such as are used for domestic purposes, are produced from brine kept at a temperature of 224° Fah; common salt is evaporated at about 160° Fah.; fishery sait at 180° to 180°, while bay salt is produced at a temperature of 75° to 80° Fah.

# DEATHS OF A DAY.

Dr. John Wilson, Ex-United States Consul News has been received in this city of the death of a former well-known Pittsburger, Dr. John Wilson, which event occurred on Friday evening last at the University Hospital, Philadelphia. Dr. Wilson had a wide circle of acquaintances here among the old residents. During the war he was Medical Director of the Army of the Potomac. He was in Washington on the fatal night of Lincoln's assassination, and was the first surgeon who probed the wound for the assassin's builet, Mr. Stanton, who had appointed Dr. Wilson to the Medical Directorship of the Army of the Potomac, had great faith in him personally and in his professional skill. He insisted upon his attending Mr. Seward and Fred Seward, who were wounded

years.

Dr. Wilson was an extensive property owner in Pritaburg, holding among other possessions a valuable tract overlooking the grounds of the Homewood Driving Park. He was a man who had many friends among the older residents. His remains were taken yesterday from Philadelphis to Chicago, where his son lives.

# Rosanna McCormick.

WINCHESTER, VA., March 25.—Rosanna McCormick, aged 65, an eccentric character, who has resided by herself near Jordans, White Sulphur Springs, in this county for many years, and who was well known by thousands of people from the North and South, who have been patrons of these springs, was found dead at home, yesterday, lying on fortilizer sacks and sheep skins. She had a number of feather beds, but never slent on them. She always were long, heavy boots, with pistols in them for protection, rarely ever taking them off, and died in her boots. At the Coroner's inquest a verdet of "Died of pneumonis" was rendered. She was a great reaser, very intelligent, a fine historian, and owner of two farms, a number of cattle and abeep, which she amassed by her industry. She told the fortunes of many a fair maiden and old-time lady in the United States. She was a great pedestrian, always walking to the city, ciad in the roughest material, accompanied by her fathful dog and carrying a long staff. A number of handsome uncut alk dress patterns were found among her effects. She mever took medicine, and would not have a physician in her last illness. WINCHESTER, VA., March 25 .- Rosanna McCor-

Colonel Samuel McKelvey Colonel Samuel McKelvey, an old and well-known Pittsburger, died on Sanday night at his Sewinkley residence. The deceased was prominent in manufacturing circles, having been the proprietor of a large furmace factory, and was for many years a Councilmen and also United States Marshal. Colonel McKelvey's wife died ten days ago, multibe shock from the blow seems to have hid him beside her.

AT THE THEATERS. Real Burglars and a Yacht-Resina Vokes in Comedy, and Other Plays.

Burglary and the dramatic art have shaken hands and joined forces. The result is "The Stowaway." Perhaps it is not quite just, either, to say that burglary and the dramatic

(FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)
HARRISBURG, March 25.—"Ido not believe id a gentleman who has been connected with legislation for many years, "that it is generally known how Colonel A. K. McClure saved the great Centennial celebration from utter and complete failure. It was the remarkable popularity to float. Taken as a polite exem-pification of the finer side of burglary, as an chievement of a remarkable man. The time

was some hitch. Colonel McClure still talked House was having considerable trouble about it. Colonel McClure was still talking. The leaders of the Senate were worried. If Colonel be saved. He was unaware of what was going on in the House, of course, and how to get word to him without attracting attention was

did it. The note read: 'You must talk an hour.'

"He did, and it was one of the finest speeches I ever heard in my life. The whole field of ancient history was culled from. The customs of the Greeks and the Romans and other nations of antiquity, furnished illustrations that, clothed in poetic language, colored with the glow of oratory, held the Senate spell-bound. No prepared speech could have equalled it. The day was saved. The bill came over from the House and the Senate passed it. The great Centennial celebration has passed into history these many years, but if it hadn't been for Colonel McClure its glory would have been sadly dimmed." would have been sadly dimmed.

man, "The Stowaway" is a howling success. It might make an impression upon such a burgar-hater as Judge Ewing, and convince him that there is a mysterious charm about house-breaking and safe-blowing which only the expert operator can hope to obtain.

The scene of the yacht at sea is on the other hand—speaking seriously—a very model of truthfulness down to the smallest detail. It makes one of the prettlest and most realistic pictures seen upon the stage this season. All this scene and much of the mechanical and what may be termed the criminal part of the drama are so close to nature and reality, in form and substance, that we cannot bely regretting that the author or manufacturer of "The Stowaway" did not allow his villains and has virtuous folk to bear a slight resemblance to creatures of flesh and blood. If he had done this a really good company would not have been swamped in the balderdash, cheap and hackneyed heroics, and morbid monstrosides of "The Stowaway".

Probably the promoters are content that the author gave them a chance for the real converted convicts and the apparently real yacht; or would be content if they could drop the play and the actors, too.

The story of "The Stowaway" is as old as the hills. The moral of it is orthodox. Nearly all the good people are happy before the play ends, and all the wicked ones are dead, or as good as dead. The only noticeable sensational feature, aside from the remarkably realistic blowing of the safe, is the murder in the third act. The villain in chief—you will know him by his good lucks and the fringe of graysh hair on his brow—kills a woman with great cheerfuness and a large knife. He takes his time over it, too, stabbing his victim from time to time as he feels so inclined. By the time he had stabbed her a good deal the gallery gods were in a condition to kill the villain, But the play proceeded after one of the most scrial murders ever published on the stage.

It must be confessed that Mr. Mark Lynch is an exquisite villain—even his manner of taking off his

#### The Grand Opera House.

artare solely responsible for "The Stowaway, for without a real yacht in the fourth act

the play could hardly have obtained enough

xposition of the daintiest work of the cracks-

man, 'The Stowaway" is a howling success.

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There is something new and very good at the Grand Opera House this week. A bill of light medy, that is acted by a mistress of light omedy, with the help of some very fine actors. Miss Rosena Vokes is of that buoyant, dashing nature which is popularly supposed to grow in very few places but France, and only in France o perfection. She reminds one of Theo, of Rhea, and yet she isn't a borrower of either. She is entirely and sincerely Vokes. Her voice s powerful but melodious. Her feet twinkle as fast as music can go with them. There's laughter in her eye, in her mouth, in the poise of her chin, and wherever she goes there is

of her chin, and wherever she goes there is laughter.

She showed a pretty big part of her talents last night in the queenly chosen bill of comedictas. The part of Mrs. Merridew in "My Milliner's Bill" was a splendid outlet for the gayery, the light-footed joility of Miss Vokes. Her singing of "Is 'Art Was True to Poll" was almost too carefully ornamented with comedy touches; but it was a genuine novelty to the audience, and when the daring actress caught up her train and danced a species of sallor's hornpipe the applause was deafening. She had to repeat both song and dance.

In the impersonation of a country girl lifted. She had to repeat both song and dance.

In the impersonation of a country girl lifted into an aristocratic scene above her natural level Miss Vokes was equally novel and amusing. In this piece, also, her dancing of the minuet and Sir Roger de Coverley was a thing of beauty. Her mastery of the lightest and brightest vein of comedy—so rarely found in a woman—was shown in "The Rough Diamond" to great advantage.

woman—was shown? The Rough Diamond—to great advantage.

Miss Vokes has several good actors in her company, but the work of Felix Morris in "A Game of Cards"—rather a wearisome, tame comedicate—and in "The Rough Diamond" was of a very high order of art. Courtenay Thorpe also bit off nature nicely as the husband of the woman in terror of her milliner's bill.

Harris' Theater "A pretty play, prettily played" seemed the nanimous verdict of the two large audiences that enjoyed "Beacon Lights" at Harris' Thea ter yesterday. The company is a first-class one and the drama has touches of wathos wit and humor. Frank Evans is a maply, heroic Phil Gordon, Odell Williams' impersonation of a "befo' the wah" Southern gentleman is of a "beto' the wah" Southern gentleman is true to nature and heartily enjoyable. J. Day Cossar is a splendid villain, and R.liph Dorman an interesting lover. A neat bit of character work is done by Harry Singlair, the deformed mnocent Grialey. Little Miss Josie Williams as Charley Haynes is almost a prodigy, and Miss Neva Wharton's lullaby, with which she soothes the little one to sleep, brought out a good many handkerchiefs, in the hands of even rough old men the couldn't forget that probably ever since fae world began get that probably ever since he world be it is thus loving mothers have put their be to sleep. Miss Gracie Emplett, as Carrie to steep. Alsa Grade Empley, as Carrie Cab-houn, could not well be improved upon. Her interpretation of the romping girl is excellent. The scenery of the play as appropriate, and the properties are very well looked after. Few better performances fhan that of "Beacon

# Harry Williams has a capital attraction this week with the Big Four's New Departure. With such clever people as Harry Watson, Alice Hutchings, the Big Four, Flora Moore,

Horseshoe Four, Frank Lester, Mand Bever-ey, Nelsonia and Rouclere, Bobby Dally, Lottie Roy, Smith and Lord, E. G. Johnson and the Peruvian Dog Circus, it is easy to understand why the theater was crowded last night with a laughing audience. THE sea serpent in the picture over the door of the Casino Museum is a beauty, but it is nothing to the original bird of prev inside that

# WOMEN'S VOTES CONTESTED.

An Interesting Test Case in the New Jer sey Courts. CAMPEN, March 25 .- An interesting question CAMDEN, March 25.—An interesting question is raised in a contest commenced to day over the election of School Trustees in the borough of Chiselhurst, Camden county, last Tuesday night. The election was held under the new school law allowing women to vote in New Jersey. Of the 54 votes cast 14 were deposited by females, and the election of officers allowed six of the women who were foreign born to vote on their husbands' naturalization papers.

C. J. Haycock, President of the Borough Commissioners, which is equivalent to the title C. J. Haycock, President of the Borough Commissioners, which is equivalent to the title of Mayor, was one of the defeated candidates, and ite has commenced a contest on the ground that the six foreign-born women voted lilegally. He claims that the law intended that awoman should have no more privileges than a man in cesting her vote, and if foreign-born she must have been naturalized after five years' residence in the country, and otherwise has no right to vote, even if her husband is a full-fledged citizen. The question is said to be the first of the kind under the new school law, and it will be made a test case.

# ARMS FOR COLLEGE SOLDIERS.

cretary of War Issues Rules Regard ing Them for the Future. Washington, March 25.—The Secretary of War has prescribed regulations governing the issue of arms for military instruction at colleges, under which each college or university where an army officer is stationed will be allowed two three-inch rifled guns of wrought iron, valued at \$450 each; two carriages and limers and appurtenances, 150 Springfield cader rifles and a corresponding number of bayonet scabbards and appendages. The colleges are required to give bond equal to double the value of the arms furnished.

Annunition will be supplied as follows: One hundred blank cartridges and 350 primers for four-inch gun and 50 rifle ball cartridges for each cadet engaged in the target practice. WASHINGTON, March 25 .- The Secretary of

#### DUFF-MONTGOMERY. Well-Known Young Couple Married

This City Last Evening.

A very quiet wedding took place at the resi marriage of her daughter, Henrietta, to Mr. A. J. Montgomery, of Washington, Pa. Only im-mediate relatives were present at the ceremony. The couple took their departure for the East The couple took their departure for the case after the wedding.

Miss Duff is a nicee of Messra. Duff, of Duff's College. After a sojourn in the East it is the intention of the newly-married couple to settle down in Chicago.

### SAVED BY TALKING.

How Colonel McClure Got the Centennial Bill Through—Legislation in Ante Bel-lum Days—A Political Statesman.

achievement of a remarkable man. The time for adjournment had arrived. The Senate had concluded its business. The Centennial appropriation bill had not yet come over from the House. It was expected every moment, though, and in anticipation of it Colonel Mc-Clure arose to speak on the wisdom of observing great anniversaries.
"Word came over from the House that there

After awhile word came over again that the McCiure would continue to talk the day might word to him without attracting attention was the great question.

"In those days I was the message clerk and it was soon arranged that I should take a package of bulls as if to go to the transcribing room with them. The main object, though, was to pass near enough to leave a note on Colonel McClure's deak in an unobtrusive manner and without advertising the fact to the Senate. I did it. The note read: "You must talk an hour."

#### Business Was Rushed.

Those were great days," sighed the Speak er. "Bills then were read three times by their titles and passed in 10 minutes. A man could ome here in the morning with a bill in his ocket and go home in the evening with the Governor's signature attached to it. The Legislature was not so large then, and special

gislation had the right of way.
"Bob Mackey and Sam Josephs and Moore used to run things then. Of course, there were many abuses, but the new Consti tution isn't an unmixed blessing. What is good for one section of the Commonwealth isn't always the best thing in the world for some other, and legislation must be general to be onstitutional. It was a jump from one s treme to another."

Queer Legislation. "Be that as it may, much of the legislatio of those times was of a very queer character. The omnibus bills, as they are known, which Legislatures gave birth to before the adoption of the present Constitution, were many of them fearfully and wonderfully made. A sample of their scope was given in the Senate re-cently when Senator Harlan introduced a bill to repeal the Ipenalties attached for the re-using of certain bottles. The repeal had to be worded as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That so much of a supple-ment to the sixth section of an act entitled an

ment to the sixth section of an act entitled an act authorizing the commissioners of the incorporated districts of the northern Liberties and Kensington to open a street, to be called Delaware, relative to the duties of assessors, venders of mineral waters, passed the 24th day of January, 1849, and the supplement to an act relative to the venders of mineral waters, and an act relative to the Washington Coal Company; to Sheriffs' sales of real estate, to the substitution of executors and trustees where plaintiffs' to Sherins sales of real estate, to the substitu-tion of executors and trustees where plaintiffs to partition of common pleas, and for other purposes, passed the 9th day of April, 1849, rel-ative to the Pennsylvania Building and Lean Association, and to the Venango Railroad Com-pany, be and the same is hereby repealed, so far as the same relates to bottles used for the purpose of containing any malt, vinous or spir-ituous beverages."

# A Poetical Statesman

The House of Representatives has a poet who has prepared a bill entitled "An act to commemorate the virtues of two distinguished Senators, to-wit: John J. McFarlane and Joseph B. Showalter." The bill is not couched in the usual legal verbiage, and, as follows, tells of the strong resemblance of the gentle-men to each other: "Unto the Senate chamber came John J. and Joseph B., As much alike as Tweedledum is like to Tweedle-

dee.
They both are men of stalwart form and piereing cagle eye.
In criap mustaches, wavy locks and stately port

Read this. stronger still.

For prohibition and reform he labors with a will.

The fates on him have blades. ates on him have kindly smiled; he's growing rich, they say. ich, they say, ugh he never takes a smile, this Senator John J. From Western plains comes Joseph B., of Æsculapian mold,
And when that Senator gets left, 'twill be extremely cold. tremely cold.

To medicate and legislate he tolleth day and night,
He eateth heartly each meal, but never smokes a pipe. For Joseph B, one hobby hath, to banish from the land That noxious, nicotinian weed, by the good law's stern command.

Oh! when they're sitting cheek by jowl, John J.
and Joseph B.,
Scorning tobacco and the bowl scraphic 'tis to see.
Diogenes, who sought in vain a good man anywhere, Could, at a certain Senate desk, find, better still, a Long live these virtuous Senators, a gracious sight to see,
They're just as like as Tweedledum is like to
Tweedledee.
SIMPSON.

# A FAST BARBER.

A Tonsorial Artist Who Can Shave, Sham poo and Trim Hair in 7 1-2 Minutes. palace of art. [Nor is the refined and masterly sea monster all the Casino boasts. There are also other curiosities and a by no means mean From the New York Sun. 1

There's a black-haired, boy-faced barber in the Astor House who believes he can work faster than any of his trade in the country. A man who sat in his chair on Wednesday asked to be shaved in a hurry. The shave was finished in less than three minutes. "You'll have time for a shampoo now," said the little barber. "Only three minutes more." It was a good shampoo, worked in with the fingers and a stiff brush. The head was washed and dried with a sponge. Seven minutes after he sat down in his chair the man put on his overcoat and asked for his hat. "My razor was a little off to-day," said the

#### barber, apologetically. "I shaved and sham-pooed a man the other day and trimmed his hair all in 714 minutes." Lost, but Not Missed.

From the Buffalo Express. 1 Lost-An equinoctial storm, now several days overdue. Anyone finding the same will please lose it again as soon as possible, and eave this part of the world to the contin though unwonted enjoyment of March sun-Only the care of her physician and the at-

# CAUGHT ON THE GRIP LINE.

HEAR the merry school bells ring. Come! os, children, come!
You should all an apple bring,
Come! oh, children, come!
The teacher then'll be kind to you
And things quite naughty you can do,
If that apple of emerald hue
You should bring to her.

VANDY—There are two young gentlemen in illegheny that think they should be remembered, y the President. Zandy-And why do they think that? Vandy-Simply because they have known Rus-ell Harrison, Sewell and so Long.

To AMATEUR VOCALISTS-Sing in the phon GOAT-Why, Arby, are you lame? Arby-Yes; during your absence my left leg got yanked about two inches longer than the right. Goat-You must have been at your old game,

Miss Agnes-Won't you ask your friend to ing something for us?
"She can't, Mr. Phersy; the poor girl is "Weil, what's the matter with one of Mendels-

sohn's songs without words?

### METROPOLITAN SILHOUETTES.

An Old Laundress Cremated.

INEW YORK BUREAU SPECIALS. ) NEW YORK, March 25 .- About 7 A. M. to-day smoke and flame summoned fremen to No. 1 Sullivan street, on the top floor of which lived Elizabeth Nicolas, an old colored laundress who for some time past has been acting queerly. The firemen found her seated upright in a chair, with her clothing a mass of fiame. A half-consumed mattress which, it is presumed she had, after setting fire to it, used as kindling material to set fire to herself, was at her feet. The odor of burning flesh filled the room. The poor wretch was so badly burned that she died soon after being taken to St. Vincent's Hos-pital. Before her death the last offices of the church were administered to her by Father Daly, of St. Alphonso's Church, whose laun-

### Made to Eat Her Own Words.

Rose McConlon made a long sworn state about a fortnight ago, that Alton C. Waite, the superintendent of the restaurant in the Westeland Hotel, Brooklyr, in which she is cook, had given his wife cause for divorce by his flirtations with Josephine Cummings, an inmate of the hotel. She was called upon to repeat her testimony to-day at the trial of the suit for divorce which Mrs. Waite had begun, and which was based principally on her incriminating allegations. In place of making out Waite and Miss Cummings no better than they ought to be, she declared, in direct contradiction of her previous statement, that she had never seen them behave improperly. When asked whether she had not testified very differently before, she answered in the negative, and when con-fronted with her sworn statement she declared it was not taken correctly, was not true, and that she had said nothing of the sort. Her change of base resulted in the withdrawal of

Failed to Give a Policeman the Slip. A smooth-faced young man walked down the main aisle of the Bethlehem Swedish Church. Brooklyn Sunday might with a swiftness that attracted attention, which was not lessened when people saw the haste with which he re-moved his overcoat and dropped on his knees as he took possession of one of the front seats. The face of the young man was buried in his hands, and he seemed devoutly praying, when a moment later a policeman entered and took a look at the congregation. The policeman went away, apparently satisfied that the person he "wanted" was not there, and the young man almost immediately also quitted the church. The policeman, who was lying in wait, collared him at the door, in that way getting even with the young man for having tripped him up and run away after being arrested for loating about a street corner. The prisoner, John Miller by

An Advertisement for Counterfeit Money. An advertisement printed this morning offered a "liberal reward" for the return of a wallet "containing a large amount of counter-feit money, and of other valuable papers which are of no value but to the owner." tion discovered that the loser was an agent of a counterfeit detector, and no shover of the queer. The wallet was found by a Bowery bartender, who doubtless thought of starting in business for himself until he discovered that stamp or by a punch as counterfeit

## Pald for His Little Mistake. A young Englishman, rejoicing in the sonorous name of Percy James Charles Mil-ward, after being married to a country woman

at the City Hall, about a fortnight ago, gave Clerk Fitzgerald as a fee a check for \$10 on a bank in a Florida town, near which he said he had several orange groves. The check proved te be worthless, and, what is worse, Fitzgerald has had to pay \$4.80, the fees of the protest, which was pinned to it when it was returned to him to-day.

A LITTLE LESSON.

Time to Call a Halt Upon Self-Appointed Somebodies. Joe Howard, in writing of the Centennial ball fuss in the New York Press, says: The newspapers of the day are largely responsible for the twaddlesomeness of gossip, the unbear-able impudence, the staring impertiuence of women, who, thanks to lucky fortune of their fathers, their husbands, their brothers, or their lovers, are enabled to support their equipages in the park, to interrupt the majestic ong in the Opera House, and to bespatter upon a disgusted and annoyed realm of common sense

men and women the petty details of their flip-In criap mustaches, wavy locks and stately port they vie.

From lilly groves of chestnut trees comes Senator John J.

Insurance is his daily toll and making laws his play.

Upon apportionment he's strong, on temperance strong to the strong of tortured animals. Frothy foam flew from their bit-ridden mouths. Impafoam flew from their bit-ridden mouths. Impatiently they tossed their harassed heads seeking relief for their fast stiffening necks. Silver chains dangled and danced, rattled and rang. The coachman sat on a high seat, his narrow shoulders covered with an enormous cape of 'genuine fur." By his side little Tom Noddy, with folded arms and pious look, shivered in the breeze, and in a magnificent landau clined a woman dressed in the height of fash-ion. Scorn sat homelike upon her lip, con-temptuous regard of her fellow beings looked listlessly from her eye. She was rich and

tripey. Day before yesterday, with the first gleam of sunshine so welcome to so many, the massive doors of her husband's place were thrown open, and a casket with silver handles was borne respectfully to the plate glass hearse waiting for it at the curb. Mourners with crape to the top of their hats, and gloves as black as the sandes of Erebus, followed. Decorously for a few blocks the procession moved, then the trot began, and the last scene in her life's drama recognized its curtain in the shoveled dirt, the fall of which was broken and the noise deadened by the latest appliances of fashionable undertakers; and still the ball

fashionable undertakers; and still the ball goes on.
Did she have a box, at the ball, I mean?
Oh, yes; she had a box.
She had, but she hasn't. Queer what a difference that little bit of breath makes. She was a higher lifer. Now she isn't. She had a box, now she has a casket. She was of great consequence, now she is a remains. There is a lesson in it for McAllister, Fish, Tripe and all the rest, you and I included.

# HER GENIUS DEPARTED.

Harriet Beecher Stowe in Better Health But Wenk Intellectually. HARTFORD, CONN., March 25,-It is now was brought as an invalid from Sag Harbor to this city. Mrs. Stowe went early last season to Sag Harbor to spend the summer. For a time she seemed benefited by the change, but for several weeks before she returned to Hartford her life was despaired of. Everyone supposed that the renowned authoress of "Uncle Tom" had but a few weeks to live at best, and by many of her near friends her life was meas ured by days.

tentive nursing of her children brought her through her illness. But Mrs. Stowe finally re-covered of her ailments, and is seemingly now in as good health as she has been ever of late covered of her allments, and is seemingly now in as good health as she has been ever of late years. The true mental condition of Mrs. Stowe, although well known here in Hartford, is seldom alluded to. It is, however, a fact that Mrs. Stowe's mind is shattered, and she is, at heat, in intellectuality now but a mere child. Her friends will not say that she is insane, nor that she is an imbedie, but her mind is almost completely gone. Her memory is that of a baby. When former dear friends visit her, people whom she has known for years, she greets them with a vacant stare, so indicative a symptom of cases of that kind. Of course Mrs. Stowe's relatives view all this with feelings of dismay, but they have now become reconciled to the change, and her whims are treated with the utmost tenderness.

For sometime it was given out that Mrs. Stowe did not recognize her friends because of failing eyesight, but this excuse is no longer alluded to, and the fact that she is now no longer mentally capable is recognized by every one. It was also for a long time thought to be an attribute of genius when lirs. Stowe showed idiosyncrasies; but the genius which made "Uncle Tom's Cabin" the most popular book of the century has departed. The lather of Mrs. Stowe, the Rev. Lyman Beecher, passed the closing years of his life with a cloud reating over his mind. His symptoms were greatly similar to those which now afflict Mrs. Stowe.

From the Norristown Herald. 1 A Pullman palace car can be bought for milines to about \$12,000. This seems like a pretty stiff price, but it is believed that the purchaser, by acting as his own porter, might save enough in fees in a month to pay for the car.

#### CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-There have been 15 duels and 16 suicides

-A curiously twisted root of an oak tree exhibited at Punta Gorda, Fla., is said to

how all the letters of the alphabet in its con -A Rushville, Ill., girl put her lump of chewing gum on her pillow. It got into her ear while aslesp. It took several days to remove it, and now she is deaf.

-The youngest elopement of the season took place in New York on Friday. A little boy d years old and a girl 3 years old deliberately ran away from home. They were captured by a newspaper reporter, and related how they both loved each other, and were never go-ing back home again. A pound of candy, how-ever, caused the young lovers to retrace their

. -The postal telegraph system in England is operated at a continual loss. Last year the receipts were \$30,000 less than expenses, and there was, besides, the interest on eighty mil-Hons of investment to pay, making a total de-ficiency of over a million and a half. Since 1872 the net loss upon the telegraph depart-ment of the postofiles has been over 315,500,000. -Bishop Theodore B. Lyman, of North Carolina, has discovered a new and bitherto unsuspected virtue in the peanut. For nearly two years he had suffered from insomnia.

About a fortnight ago he are freely of fresh roasted peanuts before retiring, and enjoyed the best sleep he had had for months. He has tried the experiment repeatedly since, and has found it efficacious every time. -It is said that in the Supreme Court reports of Georgia will be found the brief of evidence of a witness who testified that a Talevidence of a witness who testified that a Tai-bot county farmer was so good at figures that the witness built a gin house for him according to his plan and specifications, and so close was the calculation that when the job was finished the witness took all the nails left home in one hand, while he carried the other surplus mate-rial home on the arm at one turn.

-Says Prof. Hadley: "The speed of railroad trains is restricted within three theoretical limits: First, a physical limit of 80 miles an hour, beyond which it is found impossible for a train to hold the track; second, an operating limit of 60 miles an hour, which practical experience has found trains cannot run without much damage to life; third, a commercial limit of 30 miles per hour, at which, all things considered, it is found most economical to run a train."

-One of the small humbugs of the day. as noticed by a New York paper, is an advertising card of a coming theatrical attraction, On the reverse side is printed a pretty, highly colored picture, beneath which is the caution to read the other side, and afterward immerse the card in water, picture uppermost, for three days, then watch carefully the result. It is needless to add the result is nil, but the scheme is rather clever, for it insures, six times out of ten, the careful preservation of the card.

-A good many merchants of Atlanta, Ga., have adopted the "anti-pass book system." It consists of the issuing of books with the merchant's and holder's names written on the merchant's and holder's names written on the cover, the book containing \$50 worth of coupon tickets, numbered 5, 10 and 25 cents and \$1. The theory is that when a customer purchases a book, whether for cash or an advance, each purchase is to be made by these coupon checks, which will keep the purchaser informed as to the amount of purchases and save the merchant a vast and intricate detail of bookkeeping. -That was a lucky fellow who found a

Shakespeare folio of 1622 in a book-stall in the City of Mexico and bought it for a few dollars For many years the first folio has been valued at from \$3,000 to \$5,000, according to its condiat from \$1,000 to \$5,000, according to its condition. There is only one copy at present offered for sale in the United States, and that is by a wealthy New York pitblishing house, which has—or had, not long since—copies of the first, second and third folios. Quaritch, of London, has a copy of the third folio, which is much less valuable than the first or second folios, and can be bought probably for about \$800. There are not more than three or four copies of the first folio in the United States. -Three small boys were discovered lying

in an engine cab in the Pennsylvania Railroad yard, on Friday morning, in Jersey City. When ordered to leave they locked the door and threatened to start the engine. It had about 150 pounds of steam pressure in the boiler and loo pounds of steam pressure in the boiler and there was danger of its exploding. Switches were turned so that if the engine started it would run off the track and the wheels were blocked so that it could not back up. Policemen were then sent for to dislodge the boys. The boys met them with showers of stones and coal. The policemen drew their revolvers and charged on them. A short hund-to-hand battle followed, ending in the arrest of the boys. -Eighty thousand pounds of bones form a part of the cargo which the British steamer Wingates, from Alexandria, Egypt, brought to New York a few days since. There were many human bones among the number. Egypt has

human bones among the number. Egypt has become a great source of supply for bones. The cargo of the Wingates was bought of a German dealer in Alexandria, who has made a fortune by his business. He sends out caravans into the desert, and there the natives glean a harvest without any other effort than picking it up. The great quantity of bones now found is the accumulation of thousands of years. Those who died were quickly buried in a foot or two of sand, and thus every strong wind that blows reveals new mines of ghastly treasures. The Egyptians who gather them have only one scruple about sending their have only one scruple about sending their fathers' skeletons to become American fertil-izers. They will not send the skulls. These are carefully buried again by the collectors. -A few days before Valentine's Day, 50 years ago, James Martin, a farmer of Ballietville, Pa., refused to purchase his i5-year-old daughter a dress because he said he could not afford it. His daughter took his refusal much to heart. On St. Valentine's Day Farmer Martin received a valentine, representing an old miser counting his money, in his daughter's handwriting, and although his daughter declared she had not sent it, but instead a very complimentary one, "An honest farmer," he would not believe her. When buying the valentine a friend was with her, who bought one for a miserly uncle, and the envelopes got valentime a friend was with her, who bought one for a miserly uncle, and the envelopes got mixed, and her father received the one intended for the miser. Nevertheless he did not exchange one word with her from that day until his death last week. Just think of a man not speaking to his daughter for 30 years. In his will he lett large sums of money to his relatives, but to his daughter a scaled packet which, when opehed, was found to contain the unfortunate valentime which caused this extraordinary estrangement of the farmer from his daughter.

# FUNNY MEN'S FANCIES.

Quite So-Yes, there is no doubt of it, "women are-riddles." Just So-Bit they are the sort of riddles men ar'n't likely to give up.-A simile is generally supposed to be a

Terre Haute Express. Jings-I understand that Jaggs is traveling for a wholesale liquor firm now, but I never saw him with any samples. Jangs-Have you never smelled his breath?—Louedi Citizen. He Appreciated Them .- Chathard-How

beautifully the roses bloom on Miss Sigourney's

species of comparison, but it is more of a parador. You knock one of its eyes out to make it smile.—

Sayait Anyhowe--Yes, I always did admire and-painted flowers. - The Epoch. "Gentlemen!" exclaimed an orator from the sister lale, "I have a few words to say before I begin, because I know very well that my opponent will want to dispute the unanswerable arguments which I am about to bring forward,"-London

first time) - What's that blinding glare of light down the street? Tin shop broke loose? Blobson-Uh, no: That's only a bevy of floston girls coming home from school. You see the sun reflecting from their spectacles. - Burlington Free Mrs. De Temper-I am not happy with

Explained .- Popinjay (in Boston for the

my husband. Shall I drive him away? Lawyer—His life is insured in your favor, isn't 10 Mrs.—De Temper—Yes, I made him do that before we were married. Lawyer—Well, don't drive him away. He'll die quicker where he is.—Nete Yark Weekly. The Boots Will be Saved .- Actor to manager of fank show—Surely you don't expect me to go in the tank with this \$12 pair of boots?

Modern Manager—Oh, no, Just before you go in there will be an explosion which will blow off both your legs, but the boots will be saved. You need have no fear for them.—Philadelphia In-

Her Mistake .- Bride (of a month)-Oh, dear! I don't know what is to become of me. My husband is so surly and snappish and-why, I can't get him to give a civil answer to a single

question.

Sympathetic Mother-Well, you might have known better than to marry a raliroad ticket agent, anyhow.—Philadelphia Record. -Jones (excitedly)-Say, Smith, there's —Jones (excitenty)—oay, Smith, there's a heavy run on our bank and we'll have to close if it keeps on. I know you have several thousands there. You better hustle if you want to get 'em out. Smith (who has just bought one of the new pig purgles)—Let 'em run. I've got three of these confounded things in their pen and I'll put the last one in if it coats every cent I have.—Philadelphia Inquirer.